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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet number 4 includes changes to Figure 4. This sheet, which includes Figure 4, replaces the original sheet 4 including Figure 4. In Figure 4, the element numbers C17-C24 have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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Remarks

Claims 1-17 are pending.

Claims 1-16 are allowed

Claim 17 is objected to.

Claim 17 has been amended.

Claims 1-17 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

Applicants begin by noting that claims 1-16 are allowed by the Examiner as noted in paragraph four of the Office Action. The remaining minor technical issues are addressed below.

In paragraph one of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because the reference character "CC" is used to describe three separate elements. Applicants believe this objection has arisen as a result of some confusion in the specification. The reference character "CC" is used in both Fig. 1 and through the specification to refer to the element "center core element" or the shortened "core element."

The initially filed specification however had misplaced or labeled the reference character "CC" in a few instances. For example, reference to "steel tube CC" was a simple mis-labeling in paragraph [0024]. Here, "center core element CC" is being described as being formed of a steel

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tube. Also, other references in the specification to “center core CC” were simply referring to “core element CC” or “center core element CC.” As such, Applicants have amended paragraphs [0024], [0027], [0039] and [0040] to ensure that the reference character “CC” is used throughout the specification only in conjunction with “center core element CC” or the shortened version “core element CC.” In view of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request that this objection to the figures be withdrawn.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner again objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the reference characters “receptacle 4” and “C18-C24” are not shown in the drawings.

Regarding “receptacle 4,” this element in the specification was intended to generically refer to turret spindles 4a and 4b collectively as labeled in originally filed Fig. 2. Applicants have amended paragraph [0032] of the specification to clarify this matter, by changing “...receptacle 4...” to “...receptacles 4a and 4b...” and respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding the objection based on reference characters C18-24, Applicants begin by noting that the relevant portion of the specification should actually include reference characters C17-C24. Applicants have amended paragraph [0037] of the specification accordingly. Also, to address the figure objection, Applicants have amended Fig. 4 to show reference characters C17-C24. As such, Applicants request that the objection to the figures based on the missing reference characters be withdrawn.

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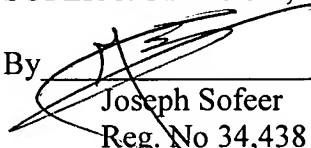
In paragraph 3 of the Office Action claim 17 is objected to because the element of "...the step of leap-proofing..." is not described in the specification. Applicants have amended claim 17 to read "...the step of **leak**-proofing..." Support in the originally filed specification can be found for the step of leak proofing in paragraph [0021] on page 3, line s 25-26.

In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-17 are now in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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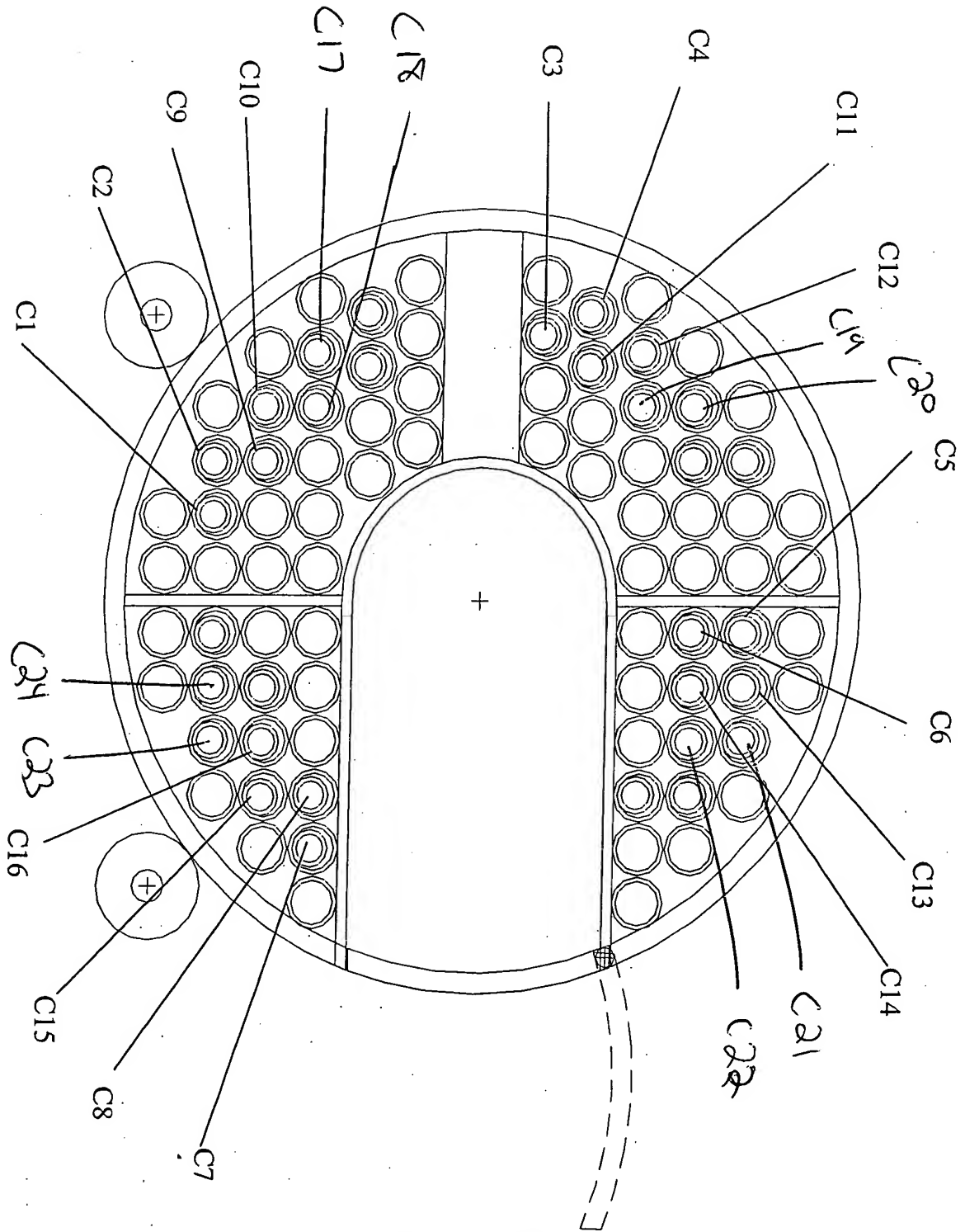
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APEENDIX



Fig 4



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